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Re: Applicant: KAZAMA, Toshio  
Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.  
Title: Electroconductive Contact Unit Assembly  
Serial No.: 09/743,536  
Examiner: Nguyen, Vinh P. Int'l. App. Filing Date: July 9, 1999  
Docket No.: AB-1101 US Group Art Unit: 2829

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (12 pages);
- (4) Petition for Extension of Time (1 page) and
- (5) Change of Correspondence Address.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

**IN THE TITLE**

Applicant requests that the records of the USPTO be corrected to reflect that the title of the invention is "Electroconductive Contact Unit Assembly".

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 8 and 10 as set forth in Appendix A and add new claims 23-31 which are also included in Appendix A. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 a complete set of pending claims as amended is set forth below.

8. (Amended) An electroconductive contact unit assembly comprising an electroconductive contact unit in the form of a coil spring for resiliently contacting an object